

Sage-grouse Distribution

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This native grouse is widely distributed in areas with large blocks of sagebrush habitat throughout southern Idaho. Sagebrush is a crucial winter food for sage-grouse and also provides them with nesting and roosting cover during the rest of the year. Wet places, including agricultural lands, are important feeding areas for hens with chicks and are heavily used by sage-grouse during the fall in dry years.

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Sage-grouse Seasons and Rules 2011

**Sage-grouse season open
October 1 through October 7**

October 1 through October 7, one-bird limit:

Statewide in sage-grouse range **except** designated closed areas.

Closed:

- Eastern Owyhee County and western Twin Falls County
- Southeastern part of the state, east of Interstate 15 and south of U.S. Highway 26
- Washington County and Adams County
- Elmore County north of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 20

Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit Validation: Any person hunting sage- or sharp-tailed grouse must have in possession a valid hunting license with a sage/ sharp-tailed grouse permit validation at \$4.75.

Identify Your Target! Is it a Sage-grouse or a Sharp-tailed Grouse?

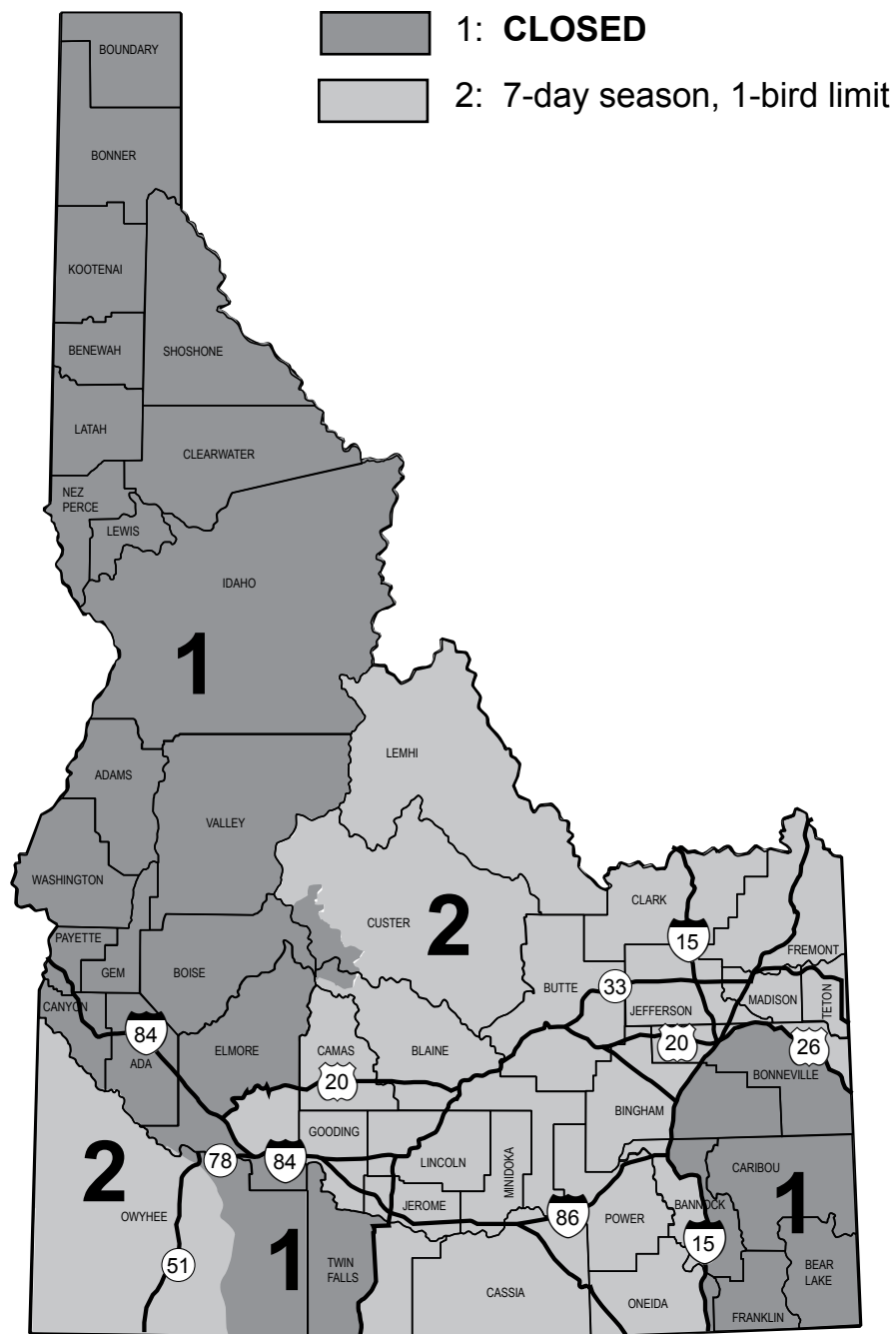
Sharp-tailed grouse occur in low numbers in the following areas that are closed to sharptail hunting: southeastern Owyhee County, Twin Falls County, most of Cassia County, Minidoka County, and Power and Bingham counties north of Interstate 86.

Be sure of your target!

See inside for details.

Refer to the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey Seasons and Rules for general upland gamebird rules, license and permit information.





Area Boundary Descriptions

Area 1

- All parts of the state **not** included in Area 2; **closed**.

Area 2

2011 Season: October 1 through October 7

Daily Bag Limit: 1

Possession Limit After First Day of Season: 2

- Butte, Camas, Cassia, Clark, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Madison, Minidoka, Power and Teton counties
- Bannock County west of Interstate 15
- Bingham County west of Interstate 15
- Blaine County, **except** within the Salmon River drainage
- Bonneville County west of Interstate 15 and north of U.S. Highway 26
- Custer County, **except** within the Salmon River drainage upstream from and including Valley Creek
- Elmore County south and east of U.S. Highway 20 and north of Interstate 84
- Oneida County west of Interstate 15
- Owyhee County west of the Bruneau River
- Twin Falls County east of U.S. Highway 93

Motorized Hunting Rule applies for Sage-grouse hunting in the following Game Management Units within Area 2: 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A, 45, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 58, 59, 59A, 70, and 73. Please refer to the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey Seasons and Rules for more information.

Wings collected from harvested birds provide important biological data. If you see a wing barrel, please deposit one wing from each bird you harvest. We also collect wings at check stations and through a mail-in wing survey. If you would like to participate in our wing envelope program, call 208 334-2920.